


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended claims 3-4, 9-10, 13, 16-17, 20-24, 26, 28, 31-36, 38, 44, 50 and 52-53 of the International application PCT/SG2003/000043, as they appear in the Annexes to the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, to avoid multiple dependency. In making these claim amendments care has been taken to ensure that no new matter has been added and that the claims remain supported by the specification.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, other-wise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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